

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A magnetic disk apparatus, comprising:

a case;

storage means including a magnetic disk medium, in which at least a decryption key is stored in advance, the magnetic disk medium having digital AV information digitally compressed and encrypted, and recorded therein, wherein the storage means, including the magnetic disk medium, is disposed in said case; and

means for decrypting the digital AV information using the decryption key and decompressing the digital AV information successively inside the magnetic disk apparatus in response to an instruction to reproduce the recorded digital AV information, and outputting a reproduction signal of digital AV information as a decompression result;

a spindle motor disposed in said case for rotating the magnetic disk medium, the spindle motor having a shaft; and

a clamp body for clamping the magnetic disk medium to the shaft, the clamp body including a clamp body surface contacting the magnetic disk medium, said clamp body surface including a groove open towards said magnetic disk medium, and a fluid confined in the groove capable of destroying a recording surface of the magnetic disk medium;

whereby attempting to detach the clamp body from the magnetic disk medium in order to remove the magnetic disk medium from the shaft will release the fluid from the groove to destroy information recorded on the recording surface.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Original) The magnetic disk apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the decryption key is stored in the magnetic disk medium, further comprising in said case a decryption and decompression circuit for decrypting and decompressing the digital AV information .

4. (Currently amended) The magnetic disk apparatus according to claim [[3]] 1, wherein the magnetic disk apparatus is configured in such a manner that at least information recorded on the magnetic disk medium is destroyed if the case is opened.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently amended) The magnetic disk apparatus according to claim 3, ~~further comprising a spindle motor for holding and rotating the magnetic disk medium fixed to a surface of the case,~~ wherein the decryption and decompression circuit is disposed between the magnetic disk medium and said case surface.

7-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently amended) The magnetic disk apparatus according to claim  
[[8]] 1, wherein the ~~liquid~~ fluid confined in the groove is an acid.